





Resolution of the City Council City of San Diego

ONE BOOK, ONE SAN DIEGO MONTH

January 2010

Presented by Mayor Jerry Sanders and Councilmember Tony Young

WHEREAS, the San Diego Public Library and KPBS are sponsoring ONE BOOK, ONE SAN DIEGO, a campaign to cultivate a culture of reading and discussion in San Diego by bringing our diverse City together around one monumental book; and

WHEREAS, ONE BOOK, ONE SAN DIEGO is an open invitation to everyone who lives, works, or visits San Diego to read and discuss the book "Outcasts United," the story of a refugee soccer team, a remarkable woman coach and a small Southern town turned upside down by the process of refugee resettlement; and

WHEREAS, "Outcasts United," authored by Warren St. John, follows the refugee soccer team, their families and their charismatic coach as they struggle to build new lives in a fading town overwhelmed by change. Theirs is a story about resilience in the face of extraordinary hardship, the power of one person to make a difference and the daunting challenge of creating community in a place where people seem to have so little in common; and

WHEREAS, ONE BOOK, ONE SAN DIEGO promotes an appreciation for reading and encourages discussions about books and important community issues; and

WHEREAS, during the months of January through April, 2010, the San Diego Public Library and KPBS will host a series of community events, lectures, television, and radio programming designed to encourage San Diegans of all ages and walks of life to read and discuss "Outcasts United"; and

WHEREAS, these events will offer individuals and families the opportunity to join together for lively conversation and the exchange of ideas to bring the community together through literature. NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, that this council for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, hereby recognize the San Diego Public Library and KPBS for their efforts to promote literacy, a love of reading, and deeper understanding about the issues that affect our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the month of JANUARY, 2010, be and is hereby proclaimed to be "ONE BOOK, ONE SAN DIEGO MONTH" in the City of San Diego.

Approved by Council on the 12th Day of Januar

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